

EMILY M. TYLER.

APRIL 2, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 6560.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6560) to increase the pension of Emily M. Tyler, having carefully considered the same, respectfully report:

The bill proposes to increase the pension of Mrs. Emily M. Tyler, the widow of the late Brig. and Bvt. Maj. Gen. Erastus B. Tyler, who died January 9, 1891.

Erastus B. Tyler entered the service as colonel of the Seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteers, three-month organization, April 25, 1861, and mustered in as colonel of the same regiment for three years in June, 1861. He continued in command of his regiment until May 20, 1862, when he was promoted to brigadier-general for gallantry on the field.

The regiment of which he was colonel and the brigade which he commanded were in action at Cross Lanes, W. Va., August 26, 1861; Winchester, Va., March 23, 1862; Port Republic, June 9, 1862; Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862; Antietam, September 17, 1862; Chancellorsville, May 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1863; Gettysburg, July 2 and 3, 1863; Lookout Mountain, November 24, 1863; Missionary Ridge, November 25, 1863; and many others. He was appointed major-general by brevet March 13, 1865, and finally mustered out on August 24, 1865.

General Tyler was conspicuous for hard fighting and successful results. He received severe injuries of left side of body and side of head by fragments of a shell, and suffered from intestinal troubles for some time, as shown by the record. Although clearly entitled to and often importuned by his friends to apply for a pension, he never applied. His widow is now in dependent circumstances. On March 3, 1891, a special act granting the claimant \$30 per month was approved, and this sum she is now drawing.

The long and meritorious services of her late husband alone would entitle her to recognition at the hands of Congress even if the cause of his death were of doubtful origin. Mrs. Tyler should be pensioned at the rate now so generally conceded to the widows of general officers.

Your committee therefore respectfully recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment:

In lines 6 and 7 strike out the words "one hundred" and insert in lieu thereof the word "seventy-five."